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TAGS: PINT GH

SUB: ARREST OF KOFI AWOONER

REF: A) ACCRA 0623, (NOTAL), B) ACCRA 0739,

1. WE HAVE TELEGRAMS SENT COMMERCIALLY FROM DEAN HERBERT WEISINGER, GRADUATE SCHOOL, SUNY, STONY BROOK, FROM LYNN KING, CHAIRPERSON, GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION, AND FROM UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT STUDENT POLITY (SIC). WEISINGER TELEGRAM IS IN RESPONSE TO MESSAGE SENT FROM AMBASSADOR BLACK IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER TELEGRAM FROM HIM (REFTEL A).

2. ALL OF TELEGRAMS HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY SAME MESSAGE. INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT KOFI AWOONER HAS BEEN ARRESTED, AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE SUBSTANCE OF VALIDITY OF CHARGES. NONE OF TELEGRAMS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS AMBASSADOR'S INTERVENTION.

3. FYI ONLY: WE ARE NOW AWARE THAT AWOONER HAS INDEED BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY CHARGED WITH AIDING THE ESCAPE FROM GHANA OF ONE OF THE GROUP ASSOCIATED WITH ALLEGED COUP PLOT REPORTED REFTEL B. END FYI.

4. FOR MCGUIRE, AF/W: REQUEST YOU TELEPHONE ONCE MORE TO DEAN WEISINGER STATING THAT WE HAVE HEARD RUMOR
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RPEAT RUMOR THAT AWOONER HAS BEEN ARRESTED. NOTE THAT SO FAR

AS WE CAN DETERMINE HE REMAINS GHANAIAN CITIZEN (POSSIBLY
WEISINGER COULD CONFIRM THIS) AND IS SUBJECT TO
GHANAIAN LAWS. WE MIGHT SUGGEST HE TAKE MATTER TO
GHANAIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, BUT THERE IS NO
ACTION AMERICAN EMBASSY IN GHANA CAN TAKE.
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